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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO JAPANESE LETTER

1. FOLLOWING A TELEPHONE DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR STRAUSS, HAVE SENT THE FOLLOWING REPLY TODAY TO AMBASSADOR SAWAKI IN GENEVA.
2. TEXT OF LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

THIS ACKNOWLEDGES YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 23 COMMENTING ON THE CIRCULATION OF DRAFT TEXTS ON SUBJECTS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO MTN PARTICIPANTS. WE REGRET VERY MUCH YOUR CONCERNS SINCE, AS THE SECRETARIAT HAS STATED, THE AIM OF THESE TEXTS IS ONLY TO INFORM OTHER DELEGATIONS OF SOME OF THE IDEAS AND PROPOSALS BEING DISCUSSED. THEY CARRY NO COMMITMENT BY ANY DELEGATION AT THIS STAGE TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

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ALTHOUGH THESE DRAFTS DO NOT REPRESENT THE SPECIFIC OR COMPLETE POSITIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT, THEY DO APPEAR TO HAVE SUFFICIENT MERIT AND TO REFLECT THE GENERAL THRUST OF IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AMONG MANY DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING WE BELIEVE THAT OF JAPAN, TO WARRANT CONSIDERATION BY A BROADER GROUP OF NEGOTIATING

PARTIES. THEREFORE, WE ENDORSE THE SECRETARIAT'S ACTION AND HOPE IT WILL ELICIT THE CIRCULATION OF OTHER IDEAS AS WELL, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES FROM JAPAN, ALL CONTRIBUTING TO ACCELERATE THE MOVEMENT TOWARD GENERAL AGREEMENT.

CERTAINLY IT HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE PRACTICE OF THE US DELEGATION TO STAY IN FREQUENT AND SYSTEMATIC CONSULTATION WITH YOUR DELEGATION. THE LAST OF THESE MEETINGS TOOK PLACE EARLIER THIS WEEK ON DECEMBER 20 FOLLOWING WHICH THE VIEWS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WERE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON. IF OUR JOINT CONSULTATIVE EFFORTS ARE INADEQUATE FOR THE ACCELERATING PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS, WE ALSO WELCOME YOUR SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE MAY IMPROVE THEM.

I KNOW THAT YOU AND I BOTH SHARE THE COMMON OBJECTIVE OF ASSURING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THESE GOALS SO ELOQUENTLY STATED BY YOUR PRIME MINISTER AND MY PRESIDENT AT THE LONDON SUMMIT.

SINCERELY YOURS. END OF TEXT. MCDONALD

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